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SUBJ: DESCRIPTION OF GATSINZI'S ROLE, POSTS SINCE APR 1994

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GOVERNMENT ARMY OFFICER APPOINTED GENDARMERIE CHIEF

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// (REPORT BY MARIE-FRANCE CRDS: "NEW ARMY ACCEPTS HABYARIMANA'S TROOPS")

(FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT) IT IS "AN IMPORTANT STAGE ON THE ROAD TO RECONCILIATION," BELIEVES PRIME MINISTER FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU. ON WEDNESDAY, A CEREMONY BROADCAST BY RADIO MARHEO THE INCLUSION IN THE NEW RWANDAN ARMY OF 1,000 SOLDIERS FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S FORMER FORCE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE OF THEM, COLONEL GATSINZI, AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

MODERATE ((SUBHEAD))

COLONEL MARCEL GATSINZI WAS KNOWN AS A POLITICALLY MODERATE OFFICER AT THE TIME OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S DEATH ON 6 APRIL 1994. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD HAD BEGUN

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PROMOTED TO GENERAL AND APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DE FACTO GOVERNMENT INSTALLED IN OFFICE BY THE MILITARY. BUT HE ONLY REMAINED 10 DAYS IN THE POST.

THE REASON WAS NO DOUBT HIS REPUTATION AS A MODERATE AND HIS REGIONAL ORIGIN. HE COMES FROM KIGALI IN THE CENTER-SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY, WHICH DENIED HIM THE CONFIDENCE OF THE NORTHERN EXTREMISTS OF HABYARIMANA'S ENTOURAGE. ALSO, SHORTLY AFTER BEING APPOINTED GENERAL, HE APPARENTLY DREW UP A REPORT EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A SOLUTION IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) WHICH WENT ON THE MILITARY OFFENSIVE WHEN THE MASSACRES BEGAN.

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HARDENING ((SUBHEAD))

WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT ON 17 APRIL, MARCEL GATSINZI WAS SIDEINED. IN THE MIDST OF THE WAR, THIS GENERAL WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF A SCHOOL FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY. HE WAS REPLACED AS CHIEF OF STAFF BY COLONEL AUGUSTIN BIZIMUNGU, A NORTHERN "HAWK" PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL FOR THE OCCASION. COLONEL BIZIMUNGU GOVERNED THE MILITARY REGION OF RUHENGERO AT THE TIME OF THE MASSACRE OF THE BABYGES TUTSI PASTORS IN EARLY 1994, IN WHICH THE RWANDAN ARMY WAS INVOLVED.

THIS HARDENING WAS GENERALLY APPARENT. THE SAME DAY, THEODORE SINBINUGABO, THE DE FACTO "PRESIDENT" WHO WAS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, RETURNED TO HIS REGION OF ORIGIN -- THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY WHICH HAD SO FAR BEEN SPARED OF THE WAR AND THE MASSACRES -- TO LAUNCH THE GENOCIDE. RWANDA THEN BECAME AN IMMENSE SLAUGHTERHOUSE. THERE WAS NO QUESTION HERE OF ONE GROUP FIGHTING AGAINST ANOTHER. THE UNARMED VICTIMS HAD NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

NEGOTIATIONS ((SUBHEAD))

THE RPF WAS ABLE TO GET TO KNOW GENERAL GATSINZI WHEN, IN THE COURSE OF THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, HE WAS CHARGED WITH NEGOTIATING WITH THE GUERRILLAS, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THESE NEGOTIATIONS FAILED AND HABYARIMANA'S ROUSED ARMY FLED TO ZAIRE.

WHEN GATSINZI DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY LAST FALL WITH OTHER OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS THEY WERE SENT TO MILITARY CAMPS FOR TRAINING BY THE RPF WHICH REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE RANK OF GENERAL BESTOWED UPON GATSINZI BY THE (ILLEGAL) AUTHORITIES OF THE GENOCIDE. THIS TRAINING IS NOW COMPLETE, BUT NOT WITHOUT HAVING CAUSED SOME CONCERN AMONG THE RPF'S GOVERNMENT PARTNERS WHO HAD RECEIVED NO NEWS OF THESE SOLDIERS.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNED DURING WEDNESDAY'S CEREMONY THAT ANOTHER OFFICER FROM HABYARIMANA'S FORMER FORCE, COLONEL DEGRATIAS NDIBVAMI, WAS BEING APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GENDARMERIE. HE IS SECONDED BY AN OFFICER FROM THE RPF, COLONEL XAVUMBA NYAMAWASA. COLONEL GATSINZI HIMSELF SECONDED AN OFFICER OF THE RPF, COLONEL SAM NANA. THIS "CROSSED" DISTRIBUTION OF POSTS WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARUSHA ACCORDS SIGNED BETWEEN THE HABYARIMANA REGIME AND THE RPF BEFORE THE GENOCIDE. THE DECISIONS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK ARE THEREFORE UNDOUBTEDLY A MOVE TOWARD RECONCILIATION.

JUST UNDER A THOUSAND OTHER SOLDIERS OF HABYARIMANA'S FORMER FORCE ARE AT PRESENT BEING TRAINED FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE NEW RWANDAN ARMY, WHILE SOME 200 OF HABYARIMANA'S SOLDIERS HAVE RECENTLY LEFT ZAIRE TO RETURN TO RWANDA. ACCORDING TO KIGALI, WHO HAVE ALSO JUST BEGUN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE NEW ARMY. THERE ARE SOME 30,000 REFUGEE RWANDAN SOLDIERS IN ZAIRE.

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